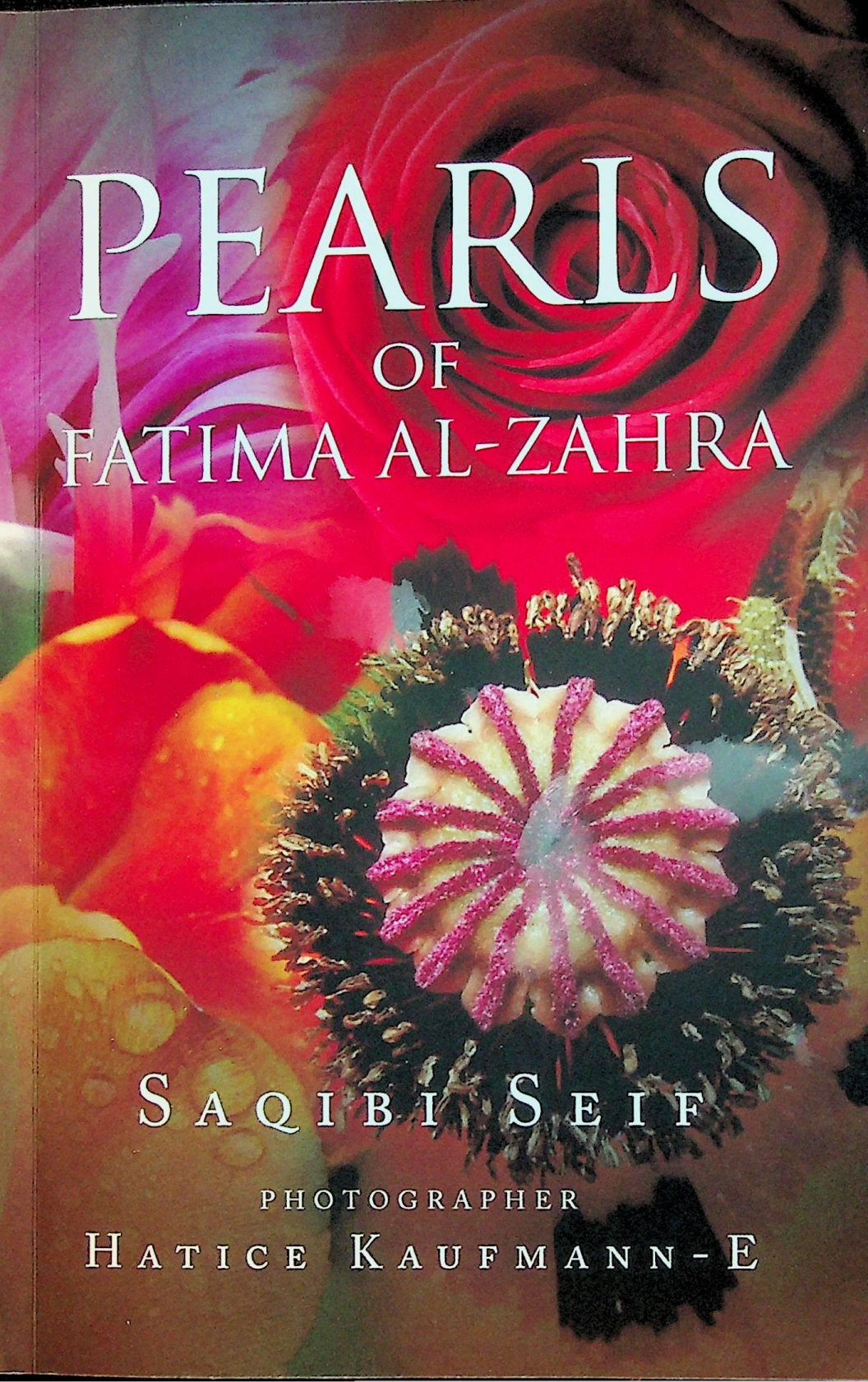
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"Do not liken Ahl al Bayt to any other, for they merit supremacy. To hate them is mankind's utter ruin, and to love them is tremendous worship." - Ibn Arabi (qs), from the book "Al-Sharf al-Mu'abbad li Aal Muhammad", "The Continuous Esteem of the Prophet's Family" - Sheikh Yusuf al-Nabhani

I dedicate this book to all lovers of Fatima Al-Zahra & Mustafa Ahmad Muhammad ﷺ as well as The People of the Cloak (Ahl al-Kisa), which is comprised of Mustafa Ahmad Muhammad ﷺ; his daughter, Fatima (as); his son-in-law, Imam Ali (as); and their children, Imam Hasan (as) and Imam Husayn (as). May this book be a means for us to be purified & spiritually elevated so that we may be under such a Heavenly Cloak so that we may be accepted in the Divinely Presence. Ameen! Ameen! Ameen!

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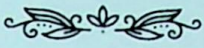
Glossary of Arabic Text

ﷺ = Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam (peace be upon him and his family)

عَلَيْهِ ٱلسَّلَامُ = Alayhi As-Salaam aka "(as)" (peace be upon you)

قدس الله سره = qaddas allahu sirrahu aka "(qs)" (may Allah sanctify his secret/life)



"وافي زلامل ليالي كالا علي"

"Wafi Zulamil Layaali Kalla Aali!"

"And I follow in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet, the Full Moon of Perfection." - Shaykh Abdul Qadir Al Jilani (qs), a section from the Qasida Ghousia Sharif

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

This book is inspired by a story that I've read that was narrated by Jabir Bin Abdallah al-Ansari (as), a companion of Mustafa Ahmad Muhammad ﷺ. Each page represents the pearls (wisdoms) from the necklace (dignity) of Fatima Al-Zahra. This work is an expression of immense love that such a story ignited within me. May this work be accepted. Ameen! Ameen! Ameen!

Any goodness from this book is not from me, but it is from the limitless grace of Allah the only Grand and Majestic One, but any shortcomings in this book is from my own weakness, and so therefore may Allah mercy us and forgive us. Ameen! Ameen! Ameen!

The Blessed Pearl Necklace

"One day a poor old man came to Rasūlullāh ﷺ. He told him that he had emigrated and he was in need of food and clothes. However, Rasūlullāh ﷺ had nothing to give him so he sent him to the house of Sayyida Fatima. She and her family had not eaten for 3 days, so she gave the old man a skin she used as a quilt to cover her sons when they slept. However, the old man complained and said that he could not settle his hunger by eating animal skin. So Sayyida Fatima took off her necklace and told the man that it would be a solution for him. The old man now went and found Rasūlullāh ﷺ at the mosque and he said: `Messenger of Allāh, Fatima Bint Muhammad gave me this necklace and said: 'Sell it, for Allāh will grant you a solution to your problem.' Rasūlullāh ﷺ cried when he heard his words, he felt touched knowing the vast generosity of his beloved daughter. Ammar Ibn Yasir was with him and immediately he asked for permission to buy the necklace. Rasūlullāh ﷺ said: 'Buy it Ammar, surely if all of mankind and Jinn participate in buying it Allāh will not torture them in Hellfire.' Ammar Ibn Yasir asked the old man for his price and he answered: 'A meal of bread and meat, a Yemeni shirt to cover my private parts and to perform my prayers in front of my Lord, and a dinar so I can return to my family.' Ammar Ibn Yasir told him: 'I

will give you twenty (20) dinars, two hundred (200) dirhams, a Yemeni shirt, my horse to take you home, and your need of wheat bread and meat.' The old man was very happy and he made du'a (supplication) for Sayyida Fatima, who had indeed been a solution to all of his problems. Ammar ibn Yasir now perfumed the necklace he had bought, wrapped it and gave it to a slave boy. He told the boy to go to the house of Rasūlullāh ﷺ and give both the necklace and himself as a gift to him. When the boy came to the house of Rasūlullāh ﷺ, he instead told him to go to the house of Sayyida Fatima and give both himself and the necklace as a gift to her.

When he knocked on her door he presented himself and the necklace as a gift to her. She took the necklace back and told the boy that he was now a free man. He then laughed in happiness and she asked him why he did so:

'I smiled when I thought of the abundance of goodness put in this necklace; it fed a hungry man, clothed a naked man, satisfied a poor man, freed a slave and came back to its original owner.'"

— Shaykh Imran Angullia Al-Hafiz (qs) Al-Fatiha. (First chapter of the Qur'an, "The Opener").

Pearls Of Fatima Al-Zahra

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PEARL 1

Every step I take towards Fana (Annihilation), I am presented with mountainous pearls, each pearl the size of our galaxy, and no pearl is the same. These pearls of delight are from your endless generosity, O Fatima Al-Zahra! O how cruel were the people that broke your heart heedlessly?! I am sorry, O the leader of Paradise, here, take back these pearls that belong to you, let me serve you, let me be under your blessed shade, blessed feet, blessed personality, so that I too may be generous and give those who/Hu seek your blessings, O Fatima Al-Zahra! Leave nothing of myself, for it is the "self" of many that has caused you many problems, let me be not among those people, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 2

Every inch of pain I feel, your necklace of pearls seals around my heart, reeling in Heavenly beauty, making way for new starts, new beginnings that never end in its celestial shine; angels sing your praises for eternity, which is only but a second in your grand being, seeing beyond time, for you are the most sublime, the daughter of the awesome host, the dost (friend) of all: Mustafa Ahmad Muhammad ﷺ, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 3

You called for Imam Mahdi (as), a spiritual shine from your own heart, and the pearl from your father's ﷺ heart when your ribs were being cracked open and yet still praying for the ummah's (nation's) solace. What kind of love does Imam Mahdi (as) have, for you, the most loving one, to call upon him (as) while praying for us wicked ones, but more importantly, what kind of love do you have, O Fatima Al-Zahra, to make such a call that is bound to save humanity from our insanity? Such is the shine of your pearls; your progeny, peace and blessings be upon them all, the pearls of love that cannot be looked at directly if the "I" is present or we'd faint like how Musa (as) fainted from seeing one speck from the light of your father ﷺ being manifested on a mountain that crumbled to ashes, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 4

I've tried to seek the beauty you contain, O Fatima Al-Zahra, but the more I sought, my soulful eyes got caught in the fires of your elegance, not knowing the difference between left or right, up or down, hot or cold, losing all sense to smell your Heavenly scent, which is a beauty that not even the crescent moon can compare with, which is soon to be full, revealing the secret of your calling, and so you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, compensated me for my burning soulful eyes with the pearl of dignity, under its light; the cloak of your father ﷺ, the covering/essence of all existence, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 5

What loss is there when one follows you, O Fatima Al-Zahra? The losses are many, throwing away this stingy and evil world, but in turn one attains your love, the secret of Heavens, the manifestation of happiness, and yet many are lost to not partake in such a worldly loss. How can one attain even just one pearl from the necklace of your delight without being out of sight from this world of fright? You are always right, never fearful, always cheerful, full of light, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 6

Those that are in need are embraced by your personality, O Fatima Al-Zahra, the ocean of generosity, your heart is the endless treasure chest of secrets that are Heavenly sent, and your love is the gem of all gems, you are most certainly God sent. Those that find the ocean take no caution in this world of false ostentation, for the sake of your beauty, O Fatima Al-Zahra! May we be worthy enough to dive deep into your generosity, finding the coolness of your father's ﷺ eyes, and thus the coolness of our life, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 7

I have nothing to offer you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, other than my immense neediness, for my weakness is at its peak, for I seek none but thee, Allah's loved one, which I hope such seeking is the price paid for just one pearl of your necklace of sublimity, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 8

May my breath be for you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, so that each inhalation is glistening up my insides, and thus each exhalation is showing the light of your magnificence, the daughter of Allah's most beloved one ﷺ, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 9

Every passing day without mentioning your name with love, O Fatima Al-Zahra, is like the one who/Hu rejects the keys to your Heavenly breeze, making do with their rocks and stones of this world that's nothing but a pea in the sight of He, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 10

Forgive me if I haven't loved you as I should have, O Fatima Al-Zahra, I am but a child in this abode of evil, hold my hand, guide me towards safety, that is enough honour for me, following behind you, the footsteps that leave pearls of wisdom as guidance, giving troubled souls like me that are hindered in their path to purity the delight of your necklace of pearls, vanquishing any and all problems we may have, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 11

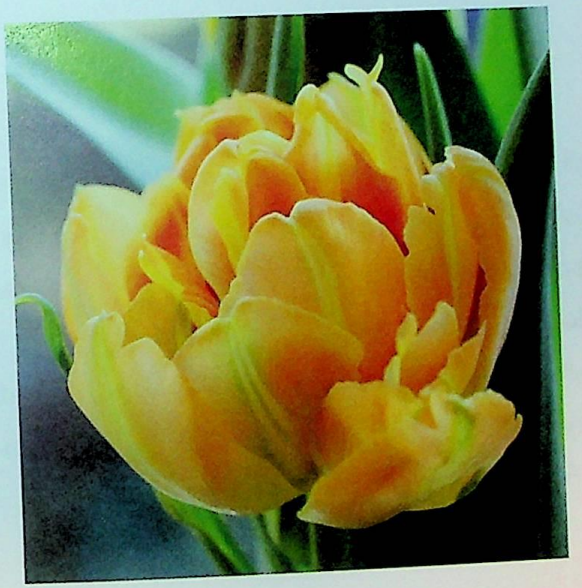
Shall I pay heed to those that feed your pain under the guise of piety, O Fatima Al-Zahra, or shall I please you by receding their hypocrisy by giving up my life by living in the city of loyalty to you, O Fatima Al-Zahra? If I do, I know you're embracing me as one of your spiritual family members - such a beauty! Such a Heavenly tenderness, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 12

I only wish that you didn't have to feel any pain, O Fatima Al-Zahra, but such a pain forms clouds which pours down rain of pearls, pearls of dignity and beauty, elegance and chastity; the secret of the Heavens kept safe on Earth while you were on Earth, certainly unveiled in the Heavens, so I wish what you wish, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 13

How can this sinful servant praise you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, how can this rock (me) that hasn't experienced illumination praise the luminous pearl of pearls that you are, O Fatima Al-Zahra, how can I do such a thing? But here I am, trying to praise you with beauty, for I see no one in my state doing so, so, here I am, O Fatima Al-Zahra, praising you and your illumination, please accept this from me, O Fatima Al-Zahra!



PEARL 14

I am left dumbfounded when you draw me near towards you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, for why would the dust meet the priceless? But out of your endless generosity, I am freed from the shackles of my lowliness, purified to be drawn nearer towards you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, and thus each inch I reach nearer and nearer I am crystallised into the jewel that you want me to be, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 15

I grieve and you nestle me in your warmth, for you're a sun from the sun of all suns: Mustafa Ahmad Muhammad ﷺ, O Fatima Al-Zahra, and so let me grieve continuously for you so that I may be wrapped around the necklace of goodness, the pearls of familiarity, the safety from all evil, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 16

Your greatness is so great that my words to express your nobility are becoming breathless, my fingers are becoming numb by the weight of your grandeur, and so how am I meant to continue to write such praises in regards to you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, how? In my soul there are vast books written about your high stature, however the words are becoming too heavy to express through my stressed weak fingers as I now write, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 17

You are the one that your father ﷺ offers his ﷺ place to sit and we are the ones that offer him ﷺ our place if he ﷺ wishes to sit there, but where are we sitting and where are you sitting, O Fatima Al-Zahra, where are we sitting and where are you sitting? If I mention it one more time, I'd explode from such a light that you carry from the Heavens, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 18

When I wipe my eyes from its tears from my worldly pain and then I'm reminded of your pain, O Fatima Al-Zahra, that wiping becomes soft as silk, and those tears become pearls of great delight, for how can my situation compare to yours, O Fatima Al Zahra, how? The wiping and tears from your blessed being is the brightest of stars in the sight of Allah, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 19

Take me under your cloak, for I am restless, O Fatima Al-Zahra, yes, I try to find your acceptance and in that trying I began to be restless, for how can this little ant be seen by the greatness that our Lord of all has given to you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, how can the beauty of the beauty that is you have me be seen by you? I seek nothing but your grace overshadowing me, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 20

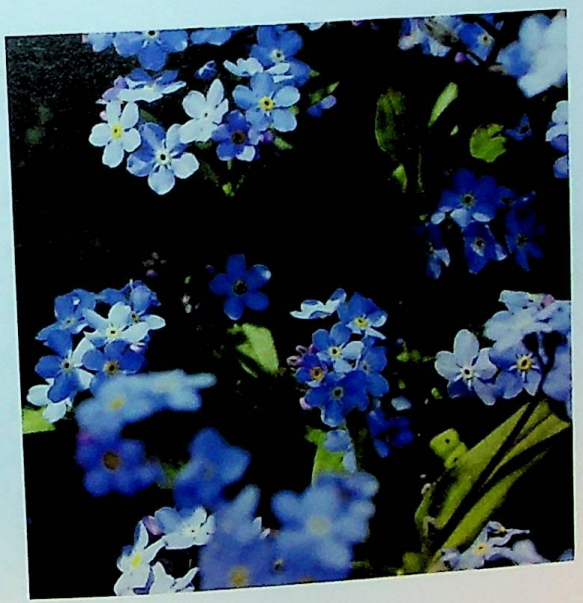
People fast with their bellies only, failing to fast from false leadership, O Fatima Al-Zahra, and so I choose to fast from all worldly leaders other than from your leadership, O the leader of Paradise, O Fatima Al-Zahra, the ones not fasting such a fast are hastening towards humiliation, which is why the state of your father's ﷺ ummah (nation) has now seemed to be "low", O Fatima Al-Zahra, so come and lead us out of such a disgrace, choose your fasting subjects, let us reject the falsely elected elects, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 21

I am slowly losing all thought other than the reality that you sought, O Fatima Al-Zahra, and this reality cannot be found in minds nor in mind-full expression, but from a deep silence from your love, but not silence of your love, O Fatima Al-Zahra, open for us the beauty of your secrecy with the Divinely Presence, even just a drop from that endless ocean of Divine mercy; nearness - to cool us down from the fires of our frowns, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 22

To the outsider it seems that I am writing this, but no, the inner shows me that it is you who/Hu is pushing to write through me, for this is not planned, one after the other, the drink of purity my heart is enjoying, for you're enjoining me in your beautiful gaze, scraping off any rust that may have settled into my soul, O Fatima Al-Zahra!



PEARL 23

Every itch, every sting, every irritation I feel are the signals from your heart to mine to showcase how weak I am to get rid of such agitation, showing me how strong you are to endure such pains of the past, and so thus this is reason enough to be at your feet, pleading for help, from the treasuries of Allah's treasures, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 24

If I am blessed to meet your progeny, O Fatima Al-Zahra, then what need is there for fear? If your progeny alone can wipe out evil from the face of this Earth, if Allah so wills, then what about you, the crown jewel on the crown of existence ﷺ, O Fatima Al-Zahra, what about you?! If your necklace of pearls wiped out poverty, then what kind of jewel are you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, what kind of jewel? Everyone must know of your endless beauty, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 25

We have become unwise ones, O Fatima Al-Zahra, for many of us are clinging to the oyster shell (Sharia {Divine Law}) to such an extent that many aren't bothering to open it to see the pearl (heart) inside, so much so that many have been convinced that there is no pearl inside, that there is no heart nor beauty that is you, O Fatima Al-Zahra, come and reveal your exquisite shine of all shining lights from your father's ﷺ heart, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 26

I am a poor one, O Fatima Al-Zahra, I cannot pay you enough to purchase such pearls of wisdom from you, and you know that, which is why you're the most generous one, for you come from the most generous one ﷺ, for he ﷺ comes from the most Generous One, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 27

Neither my worshipping to Allah nor my good deeds are weighty enough on the scales of His judgement, O Fatima Al-Zahra, but I hope my love for you, your father ﷺ, and the Ahl al Bayt and their holy pure progeny, the holy household of Mustafa Ahmed Muhammad ﷺ, peace and blessings be upon them all, is more than enough to shatter the scale altogether, and within a blink of an eye I'm one of the closest ones to Allah, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 28

You are the mother of all true believers, O Fatima Al-Zahra, you are the friend of those that seek real friendship, O Fatima Al-Zahra, you are the secret of the secret; the goodness of the goodness, the way of the way, so shelter me in your home; the shelter for those in need, even if we may burn, our true needs are fulfilled only by you, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 29

You are the perfect reflection of your father ﷺ, O Fatima Al-Zahra, and so how can one neglect you, the coolness of his ﷺ eyes, the essence of our worship, for he ﷺ also said the coolness of his ﷺ most blessed eyes is the prayer, O Fatima Al-Zahra, how? One must love you to love him ﷺ, and if one hates you, their hatred is for him ﷺ, and his ﷺ hatred is for them, so protect my love for you and your loved ones, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 30

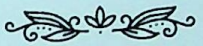
As I stare into my heart, I see that there is no heart but your heart, O Fatima Al-Zahra, such a heart contains the shine of all shining lights, which is from your father ﷺ, for everything that the heart yearns for is what you already yearned for: beauty, honesty, modesty, dignity, and loyalty. Divine love. Whatever you yearn for comes true, and thus allow me to be in your yearning, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 32

Those that choose you as their prime example of Heavenly conduct, they're the ones truly under your blessed sandals, and those that choose other than you, then what is their fate, O Fatima Al-Zahra, what is their fate? I should assume it's still merciful, for you are the most generous, and it's only befitting to show those negligent ones the supreme power of your love, O Fatima Al-Zahra!

PEARL 33

I've tried to drown myself in the ocean of your generosity, but the water is too fiery for me to touch, O Fatima Al-Zahra, for you give too much, beyond the understanding of my selfish mind, O Fatima Al-Zahra, your generosity is scorching with the heat from the Divinely Presence that I am left awestruck, awestruck, awestruck, and thus I am forever yearning to drink from your fountain of generosity, O Fatima Al-Zahra!



I hope that these words from my heart that have been ushered from the Heavens have ignited the love of Fatima Al-Zahra and therefore have ignited true guidance within and without ourselves. Her greatness, her guidance is too great to express, too supreme, but it must be expressed nonetheless so that we may get a glimpse, a taste of the immense magnitude of the daughter of Mustafa Ahmad Muhammad ﷺ, peace and blessings upon her and her holy pure progeny. Ameen! Ameen! Ameen!

May we be continuously embraced by the lights of the Ahl al Bayt, the essence of our good fate. Ameen! Ameen! Ameen!